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SUBJECT: CCD: 757TH PLENARY MEETING, JULY 28, 1977

1. SUMMARY: IN JULY 28 CCD PLENARY, REPS OF US, UK, AND USSR GAVE BRIEF REPORT OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED ROUND OF TRILATERAL TALKS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB). IN ADDITION, UK REP GAVE TOUR D'HORIZON VIEW OF WIDE RANGE OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES (DETAILS SEPTTEL). YUGOSLAV REP GAVE SCATHING ATTACK ON CCD'S RECORD OF INACTION DURING THE CURRENT YEAR, SINGLING OUT THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR) FOR ESPECIAL CRITICISM; DETAILS SEPTTEL. SWEDISH REP MADE BRIEF STATEMENT SUPPORTING YUGOSLAV VIEWS AND CALLING FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN CCD BY END OF THIS YEAR.

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END SUMMARY

2. US REP (FISHER) DECLARING THAT A STABLE AND DURABLE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) WOULD MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORT AND WOULD BE ONE OF SEVERAL MUTUALLY REINFORCING MEANS FOR CURBING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, INDICATED THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A TRULY

EFFECTIVE CTB IS AN OBJECTIVE TO WHICH THE USG GIVES THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. NOTING THAT THE US, THE UK, AND THE USSR HAD JUST CONCLUDED A ROUND OF TRILATERAL CTB TALKS, FISHER SAID THAT THE USG LOOKS FORWARD TO RESUMING THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FALL AND HOPES THAT THEY WILL PREPARE THE WAY FOR FRUITFUL NEGOTIATIONS IN CCD.

3. USSR REP (LIKHACHEV), ALSO REFERRING TO THE TRILATERAL CTB TALKS WHICH OCCURRED FROM JULY 13 TO 27, STATED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN A BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE AND THAT THE QUESTIONS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNE'S) AND OF VERIFICATION WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ROUND OF TRILATERAL TALKS, TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 3, LIKHACHEV STATED THAT "THE SOVIET UNION, BEING A CONSISTENT ADVOCATE OF THE SPEEDIEST RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS, WILL FOR ITS PART EXERT ALL EFFORTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS NOBLE OBJECTIVE."

4. UK REP (GORONWY-ROBERTS), TOUCHING ON CTB AS ONE OF THE MANY TOPICS TREATED IN HIS TOUR D'HORIZON STATEMENT, CALLED THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED ROUND OF TRILATERAL TALKS "INTENSIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE" AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DURING THE NEXT ROUND THE THREE DELS WILL BE ABLE TO WORK TOWARD MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON BROAD PRINCIPLES FOR AN ACCEPTABLE CTB. DECLARING THE OBJECTIVE TO BE A MULTILATERAL CTB TREATY ADHERED TO BY THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STATES, NUCLEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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WEAPONS STATES AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES ALIKE", THE UK REP STATED THAT CCD WOULD HAVE AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE TO PLAY IN CONDUCTING MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON BROAD AGREEMENT REACHED AMONG THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHICH ARE CCD MEMBERS.

5. UK REP ALSO DISCUSSED NON-PROLIFERATION, SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, UN EXPERTS STUDY ON MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION, NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM OF ARMS CONTROL MEASURES, AND UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. DETAILS REPORTED SEPTEL.

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6. YUGOSLAV REP (LALOVIC) EXCORIATED CCD FOR ITS LACK OF ACTION THIS YEAR WITH REGARD TO THE THREE PRIORITY TOPICS (COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM) REFERRED TO IT BY UNGA RESOLUTIONS. STATING THAT THE COMMITTEE IS FOR THE MOST PART "LIMITED TO SETTING FORTH POSITIONS ON QUESTIONS FIGURING ON THE AGENDA" AND THAT "THE COMMITTEE BECOMES A NEGOTIATING BODY ONLY WHEN OUR TWO CO-CHAIRMEN SUBMIT FOR ITS CONSIDERATION THE AGREED TEXTS OF SOME INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS," YUGOSLAV REP EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR) "SAW FIT TO INSIST" ON A PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THIS SESSION WHICH EFFECTIVELY MADE "THE COMMITTEE'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE DIRECT NEGOTIATING PROCESS DEPENDENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THEIR BILATERAL OR TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS." YUGOSLAV REP WENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ON TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF WIDE PARTICIPATION IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, SAYING THAT THE CCD "SHOULD NOT FAIL TO MAKE THE GREATEST EFFORT TO DISCHARGE ITS TASK OF COMPLETING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY AND THE BAN OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY," SCHEDULED FOR MAY-JUNE 1978. FURTHER ANALYSIS AND EXCERPTS OF YUGOSLAV STATEMENT PROVIDED SEPTEL.

7. SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE, MRS. THORSSON, STATED THAT SHE WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY LALOVIC AND REITERATED HER DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WAY THE CCD SESSION WAS DEVELOPING. HOWEVER, SHE POINTED OUT THAT STATEMENTS MADE TODAY BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CCD INDICATED THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. SHE SAID THAT SWEDEN WORKS TO ACCOMPLISH THE COMMITTEE'S GOALS BEFORE THE UN SPECIAL SESSION AND LOOKS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

8. ADOPTION OF COMMUNIQUE FOR MEETING OCCASIONED EXTENDED BROUHAHA, WITH SOVIETS OBJECTING TO PORTION OF SUMMARY OF YUGOSLAV STATEMENT WHICH REFERRED TO CO-CHAIRMEN'S INSISTENCE ON CIRCUMSCRIBED WORK PROGRAM FOR SUMMER SESSION. AFTER HALF-HOUR RECESS DURING WHICH THERE WERE SOME HEATED EXCHANGES BETWEEN SOVIETS AND YUGOSLAVS (WITH SOME OTHER NON-ALIGNED ON FRINGES), YUGOSLAVS AGREED TO REMOVE REFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO CO-CHAIRMEN AND SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE WHICH STATED THAT COMMITTEE HAD ADOPTED SUMMER WORK PROGRAM WHICH MINIMIZED OPPORTUNITY FOR CCD TO WORK ACTIVELY ON NEGOTIATIONS.

9. CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY (OGISO, JAPAN), NOTING IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF NIGERIAN REP (CLARK), REMARKED ON HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF CCD AND WISHED HIM WELL IN HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW ASSIGNMENT AS NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA.

10. NEXT PLENARY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 2. VANDEN HEUVEL

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